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D. NRO MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CIA RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAMS  
 SUBJECT: FY 1968 FINANCIAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FOR EKC PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS AND PROCESSING (EUCOLITE), DATED 8 MAY 1967:

1. SUBJECT: WAXING O. NEGATIVE

2. [ ] RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM [ ] REQUESTING

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[ ] TO STUDY THE PROPOSED CHANGES AND THAT [ ]

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REPLY TO [ ]

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"2. A REVIEW OF O-NEG WAXING PROCEDURES INDICATES THERE ARE ALSO INCONSISTENCIES IN THESE PRACTICES.

3. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES ARE IN EFFECT:

A. [ ] WAXES CORONA PANORAMIC O-NEG BUT DOES NOT WAX CORONA S/I O-NEGS OR ANY [ ] O-NEGS.

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B. [ ] DE-WAXES THE CORONA PAN O-NEGS BEFORE SHIPPING TO [ ]

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C. [ ] UNDERSTANDS THAT [ ] DOES NOT RE-WAX O-NEGS

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RECEIVED FROM [ ] BEFORE PRODUCTION OF PRIORITIES 3-6.

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NOTE: DURING PRODUCTION OF 1038-2, [ ] FOLLOWED NORMAL

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[ ] WAXING PROCEDURES.

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4. [ ] SUGGESTS PROCEDURES BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

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A. CORONA PANAORAMIC O-NEGS AND RPT AND THE INDEX O-NEG BE WAXED AT [ ] BEFORE PRINTING.

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B. THE CORONA INDEX O-NEG BE DE-WAXED BEFORE SHIPMENT TO

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[ ]  
C. THE CORONA PANORAMIC NEGATIVES BE SHIPPED TO [ ] WAXED AND THAT [ ] DE-WAX THESE NEGS AFTER REPRODUCTION IS COMPLETED AND BEFORE SHIPMENT TO [ ]

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D. THE [ ] MAIN O-NEG AND INDEX (OR TERRAIN) O-NEG BE WAXED BEFORE PRINTING AND DE-WAXED BEFORE SHIPMENT.

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E. THE STELLAR O-NEGS FROM CORONA OR [ ] NOT BE WAXED AT ANY TIME TO AVOID A TENDENCY TO SLIP DURING PRINTING."

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3. [ ] RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM [ ] IN REPLY TO [ ] MESSAGE REQUESTING COMMENTS ON PARAGRAPHS 4.C AND 4.D OF [ ] MESSAGE:

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"1. SUBJECT IS WAXING O. NEG.

2. ITEMS TO CONSIDER:

A. AFTER [ ] MAKES SOME 12 - 15 DUPES FROM THE WAXED O NEG,

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[ ] MAKES 20 - 22 DUPES FROM THE UNWAXED O NEG FOR PRIORITY

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3 - 5 AND THIS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS PROVEN SATISFACTORY.

B. [ ] TACKY CLEANS THE O NEG AFTER EACH FIVE PRINTINGS.

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C. WE KNOW THAT THE WAX COAT ITSELF GRADUALLY UCCUMBS TO

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REPEATED HANDLING IN A MANNER THAT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY PRODUCE  
SIGNIFICANT DEGS TO THE DUPES LONG BEFORE COMPLETION OF THE 35 OR  
MORE TOTAL PRINTS (HERE AND AT  REQUIRING DE-WAXING AND  
RE-WAXING AT SOME MID WAY POINT SO THAT,

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D. THE WAXING OPERATION ITSELF WILL SUBJECT THE O NEG TO  
MACHINE HANDLING FOUR (OR MORE) TIMES - AND THIS CONSUMES TIME AND  
MATERIAL (\$\$).

E. SINCE INCEPTION OF ORIGINAL REQMT TO WAX O NEG, OSTENSIBLY  
AS PROTECTIVE DEVICE, THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN  
FILMS, EMULSIONS, MACHINE TRANSPORT SYSTEMS AND STATIC AND DUST  
ELIMINATIONS, AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (TEMP, HUMIDITY,  
DIRT) OF WORK AREAS.

3. OUR POSITION IS THIS:

A. WE QUESTION (UNDER PRESENT DAY METHODS) THAT WAXING OF O  
NEG IS REALLY JUSTIFIABLE WHEN ALL ARGUMENTS ARE WEIGHED.

B. IF PROCEDURAL STANDARDIZATION IS SOUGHT, WE RECOMMEND  
ELIMINATION OF WAXING FOR ALL O NEG (CORONA

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C. HOWEVER, IF  HAS SATISFIED ITSELF THAT WAXING OF  
O NEG DURING PRIORITY PRODUCTION IS JUSTIFIED AND/OR IF  IN ITS  
GOOD JUDGEMENT DEEMS WAXING ADVISABLE BECAUSE OF LOCAL PRODUCTION  
PROCEDURES, WE SUGGEST THAT ALL HANDS CONTINUE ESSENTIALLY AS AT  
PRESENT WITH CORONA. THAT IS,  DE-WAX PRIOR TO SHIPMENT TO

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[ ] AND,

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D. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DUPE FROM THE UNWAXED O NEG, OTHERWISE,

E. WE CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE (AS EXPLAINED IN 2C ABOVE) TO RE-WAX AT THIS NATURAL BREAK POINT BEFORE FURTHER PRODUCTION.

F. IN ANY CASE, [ ] REMAINS AMENABLE TO ANY DECISION BY [ ] IN THIS MATTER."

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4. [ ] CONCURS WITH THE COMMENTS IN PARAGRAPH 2 AND 3.B OF [ ] REPLY.

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5. PRIOR TO ANSWERING [ ] ORIGINAL MESSAGE AND IN VIEW OF REFERENCE D ABOVE, [ ] REQUESTS YOUR VIEWS AND/OR CONCURRENCE ON PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION.

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-- END OF MESSAGE --

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